

**State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry**

Public Notice for Preliminary Best Interest Finding under AS 38.05.035(e) and AS 38.05.945

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, gives formal notice under AS 38.05.945 that the Revised Preliminary Best Interest Finding prepared under AS 38.05.035(e) on the subject of the division's intent to proceed with a competitive 25-year timber sale contract for woody biomass utilization in the Tok, Alaska area is available for agency and public review.

You are invited to comment on this Revised Preliminary Best Interest Finding. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., Alaska Time, Monday February 4, 2013, and should be mailed to the Division of Forestry, P.O. Box 10, Tok, Alaska 99780. You may also submit comments by email to dnr.fortok@alaska.gov or by fax to (907) 883-5135.

Before proceeding with a competitive 25-year timber sale contract, the division Director will make a written final decision that the action is in the best interest of the State. This final decision will take into consideration comments received during the review period, and will set out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Director bases his determination that the proposed action will or will not best serve the interest of the State. The final decision is expected to be available to the public after February 20, 2013. To be eligible to appeal the final decision a person must have provided timely written comment on this preliminary finding to the Division of Forestry.

Public Meetings (public comment will be accepted)

Wednesday, January 23, 6-9 p.m., at the Tok School Commons Room, Tok, Alaska

Thursday, January 31, 6-9 p.m., at the Department of Natural Resources, 3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks;
(concurrent with the Tanana Valley State Forest Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:

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Copies of the Preliminary Best Interest Finding are available for review at the Division of Forestry Area Offices in Delta, Fairbanks, and Tok, and in the Delta, Fairbanks, and Tok Public Libraries. The Preliminary Best Interest Finding may also be accessed at the division's 'What's New' web site at: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/whatsnew.htm>.

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in this review may contact the number above.